

Which was read.
On motion, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning, 10 o'clock.

TUESDAY, December 4, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

A quorum present.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Mr. Gorrie moved that the members of the Senate who were absent yesterday when the vote was had upon the joint resolutions opposing the proposed constitutional amendment, be now allowed to vote upon the same;

Which was agreed to.

And Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Owens and Whitehurst recorded their vote in the affirmative.

Mr. Cottrell moved that the Senator from the 25th district be excused from attendance in the Senate after Thursday next.

The yeas and nays were called for,

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Owens, Pearce, White and Williams—13.

Nays—Messrs. Gorrie, Oliveros, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rousseau, Steele, Turner and Whitehurst—10.

So the motion was agreed to.

Mr. White moved that the bill to be entitled an act in relation to the fees to be charged, received and collected by officers of the State whose fees are prescribed by law,

Be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Roper moved that the bill to be entitled an act to relieve the Stockholders of the bank of St. John's,

Be taken from the table and placed among the orders of the day.

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Steele gave notice that at an early day he would introduce the following named bills, to wit:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act, approved January 4, 1866, entitled An act to facilitate the collection of taxes, and require the registration of grants and donations; and

A bill to be entitled An act concerning railroads of the State.

The rules were waived and Mr. Cottrell, without previous notice, introduced the following:

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize the Governor to appoint a person in the county of Levy to take the marks and brands of cattle driven from said county.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

The rules were waived and Mr. Ross, without previous notice, introduced the following:

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Southern Railroad Company; also,

A bill to be entitled An act to admit Haden N. Leavitt to practice law in the several courts of this State.

Which were received and the bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Williams presented the memorial of Jesse Billings for relief.

Which was received and read and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

The following communication was received:

OFFICE PENSACOLA AND GEORGIA RAILROAD COMPANY, }
Tallahassee, December 4, 1866. }

To the Hon. President of the Senate of the State of Florida:

SIR: The Company tenders to the Hon. members of the Senate a free pass over the road from this time until the 1st of January next.

Very respectfully,

F. H. FLAGG, Sec'y.

Which was read and referred to a committee consisting of Messrs. Ross, Cottrell, Owens, Steele and Haynes.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, }
December 3rd, 1866. }

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House of Representatives has this day passed the following bills, viz:

House bill to be entitled An act to provide for the revision, collation and digestion of the whole of the public Statute law of the State, to be the revised code of Florida; also,

House bill to be entitled An act to amend an act entitled an act amend an act regulating judicial proceedings, approved November 21st, 1829; also,

House bill to be entitled An act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act in relation to contracts of persons of color, approved January 12th, 1866.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, and the accompanying bills placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. White offered the following:

Resolution relative to clearing out the Chepola river, and the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands on the same;

Which was received, and the resolution placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Military Affairs made the following report:
The Committee on Military Affairs to whom was referred "a bill to be entitled An act to amend an act to organize the militia of this State," have had the same under consideration and respectfully

REPORT :

That they can perceive no reason for the adoption of the amendment at this time;

Which was received, and the bill accompanying placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Internal Improvements made the following report:

The Committee on Internal Improvements to whom was referred a House bill to be entitled An act authorizing certain persons therein named to clear out Peas creek, and for other purposes,

Have had the same under consideration and recommend its passage with the following amendments:

In the 2d section, 5th line, strike out "10" and insert "7." In same section, 7th line, strike out "3" and insert "3."

In 8th section, 2nd line, strike out "20" and insert "15."

B. F. OLIVEROS,

Chairman *pro tem*.

Which was received, and the bill accompanying placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. White made the following report:

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Southern Emigration and Land Company

REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration, that they find that the Constitutional Requirements have been fully complied with that they can see no reasonable objection to said bill, they therefore return the same to the Senate and recommend its passage.

THOMAS M. WHITE, Ch'n.

Which was received, and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following report:

The Committee to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act to provide for Funding the Interest now due by the State, and for other purposes, have had the same under consideration and beg to

REPORT :

That they recommend the passage of the bill.

WM. B. ROSS, Ch'n.

Which was received and the accompanying bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:
The Committee on Engrossed Bills

REPORT :

The following bills and resolution as correctly engrossed:

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to Common Schools;
A bill to be entitled An act to aid in creating a fund for the benefit of the orphans of soldiers of Florida, killed in battle;
A bill to be entitled An act to authorize George F. Drew to construct a boom across the Withlacoochie river;

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize the Superintendent of Common Schools to investigate the claim of George S. Leavitt;
A bill to be entitled An act to prevent persons from planting without proper fences; also,

Resolution for the relief of Tax Collectors of this State.

J. R. RICHARD,

Chairman *pro tem*.

Which was received and the bills accompanying placed among the orders of the day.

The rule was waived, and Mr. Whitehurst, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following:

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act in relation to Pilotage at the port of Key West, county of Monroe, approved December 23, 1856.

Which was received and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

ORDERS OF THE DAY.

Resolution for the relief of Tax Collectors in this State,
Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Poe, Richard, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Williams—19.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Owens and Pearce—4.

So the resolution passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize the Superintendent of Common Schools to investigate the claim of George S. Leavett,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Williams—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered that the same be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to prevent persons from planting without proper fences, and for other purposes,

Was read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cottrell, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Steele and White—13'

Nays—Messrs. Brevard, Crawford, Kenan, Poe, Roper, Ross, Rossean, Turner and Whitehurst—10.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to authorize George F. Drew to construct a boom across the Withlacoochie river.

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rossean, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst, Woodruff and Williams—23.

Nays—Messrs. Brevard and Owens—2.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to aid in creating a fund for the benefit of the orphans of soldiers of Florida killed in battle,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Poe, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rossean, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst, Woodruff and Williams—24.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act in relation to common schools,

Was read third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Finegan, Gorrie, Haynes, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Poe, Richard, Roper, Rossean, Steele, Turner, White, Woodruff and Williams—17.

Nays—Messrs. Baker, Cottrell, Crawford, Jordan and Pearce—5.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled An act to provide for funding the interest now due by the State, and for other purposes.

The rule was waived, the bill read second time and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Southern Land & Emigration Company,

Was read a second, time and the bill ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled An act authorizing certain persons therein named to clear out Pease Creek, and for other purposes,

Was read second time; the amendments recommended by the Committee on Internal Improvements adopted, and the bill as amended placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Resolution relative to clearing out the Chipola river, and the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands on the same,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Internal Improvements.

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act to organize the militia of this State,

Was read second time, and on motion laid on the table.

A bill to be entitled An act to relieve the stockholders of the Bank of St. Johns,

Was taken from the table and placed on its second reading, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled An act in relation to the fees to be charged, received and collected by the public officers of the State whose fees are prescribed by law,

Was taken from the table and placed on its second reading.

Mr. White moved to amend the bill by striking out the words "25 per cent." in 6th line and insert "50 per cent."

The yeas and nays were called for by Messrs. White and Cottrell.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Finegan, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Pearce, Poe, Roper, Ross, Steele, White, Whitehurst and Williams—12.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Gorrie, Haynes, Owens, Richard, Turner and Woodruff—10.

So the amendment was adopted.

The bill as amended was placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to protect the New York and Indian River Preserving Company;

Was taken from the table, read the third time and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Crawford, Kenan, Ross, Steele and Williams—5.

Nays—Messrs. Bird, Brevard, Cottrell, Finegan, Haynes, Jordan, Morrison, Owens, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Turner, White, Whitehurst and Woodruff—16.

So the bill did not pass.

Resolution relative to the pay of absent members,

Was read the second time.

Mr. Ross moved that the resolution be laid on the table; Which was not agreed to, and the resolution ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the better working of the public roads in the counties of this State;

Was read the second time, and on motion indefinitely postponed

House resolution to establish a mail route,
Was read a third time and put upon its passage.
The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Brevard, Cottrell, Crawford, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Pearce, Poe, Richard, Roper, Rosseau, Steele, Turner White, Whitehurst, Woodruff and Williams—20.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to build a State Prison, and Penitentiary for the State of Florida,

Was read the second time, and on motion the Senate went into a Committee of the Whole upon the consideration of said bill.

Mr. Cottrell in the Chair.

The committee, after some time spent upon the consideration of the bill, rose and reported it back with amendments and asked to be discharged.

The report was received, and the committee discharged.

The amendments proposed by the committee, was agreed to.

Mr. Ross moved to amend the bill striking out the word "ten" in section 6, 2d line and insert the word "fifty,"

Which was not agreed to.

Mr. Bird moved to amend by striking out the word "ten" in section 6, 2d line, and insert the word "twenty five,"

Which was not agreed to.

The bill as amended, was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

On motion, the Senate took a recess till 3 o'clock, p. m.

THREE O'CLOCK, P. M.

The Senate resumed its session.

A quorum present.

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Hydrant Water Company of Pensacola, came up on its third reading and on motion, was placed back on its second reading.

Mr. Richard moved that the bill be laid on the table;

Which was agreed to.

The rules were waived to allow Mr. Kenan to introduce the following:

A bill to be entitled An act relating to salaries;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The rules were waived to allow Mr. Haynes without previous notice to introduce the following:

A bill to be entitled An act to provide for taking the census in the year 1867, in this State;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report:
Committee on Engrossed bills report as correctly engrossed the following:

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Southern Land and Immigration Company;

A bill to be entitled An act to relieve the Stockholders of the Bank of St. John's;

A bill to be entitled An act to provide for the funding of interest now due by the State, and for other purposes; also,

A resolution relative to the pay of absent members.

J. R. RICHARD,

Chairman *pro tem*.

Which was received and read and the bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Crawford made the following report:

The Joint Standing Committee on enrolled bills report the following bill correctly enrolled, viz:

House bill to be entitled An act to consolidate the offices of Sheriff, Tax Assessor and Collector of Santa Rosa county.

A. J. PEELER,

Chairman House Committee.

JNO. L. CRAWFORD,

Chairman Senate Committee.

Which was read.

A Committee of the House appeared at the Bar, and notified the Senate to return to them the Senate bill to be entitled An act to provide for a code of the general and public statute laws of the State.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December —, 1866.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR: The House of Representatives has passed the following bills, viz:

House bill to be entitled An act relative to the offices of the Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer;

House bill to be entitled An act to consolidate the offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Judge of Probate of the county of Taylor, and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled An act to alter and define the boundary line of Polk county;

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsborough county to levy and collect an additional Tax in said county, and for other purposes;

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Joel B. Addison, Sheriff and ex-officio Tax Assessor and Collector of Manatee county;

House Joint Resolution to ascertain and state the accounts be-

tween the State of Florida and Gadsden county; and refused to pass

Senate bill to be entitled An act to provide for a code of the general and public statute laws of the State.

Very respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read and the bills and resolution placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled An act to amend the 35th section of an act entitled An act concerning wills, letters testamentary and letters of Administration, and the duties of Administrators, Executors and Guardians, approved 20th Nov. 1828,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and on motion referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled An act to authorize the sale of the real estate of idiots and lunatics, and for other purposes,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and on motion, referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House bill to be entitled An act to repeal an act entitled an act to regulate Commissions for the collection of money,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House joint resolution requesting the Governor to assign to the Supreme Court, a room in the Capitol for conference,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and on motion laid on the table.

House bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to amend an act regulating judicial proceeding, approved November 21st, 1829,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to extend the provisions of an act entitled an act in relation to persons of color, approved January, 12th, 1866,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House resolution to ascertain and state the account between the State of Florida and Gadsden county,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and on motion, referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

A bill to be entitled An act to admit Hayden N. Leavitt to practice law in the several Courts of the State,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Southern Railroad Company,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

House bill to be entitled An act for the relief of Joel B. Addison, Sheriff and ex-officio Tax Assessor and Collector of Manatee county,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Propositions and Grievances.

House bill to be entitled An act in relation to the offices of the Comptroller of Public Accounts and State Treasurer,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Finance and Accounts.

A communication from the Comptroller in response to a Senate resolution, was received and read and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Cottrell without previous notice introduced the following:

A bill to be entitled An act to change the time of holding the Circuit Court of Suwannee Circuit;

Which was received, and placed among the orders of the day.

House bill to be entitled An act to change and define the boundary line between the counties of Walton and Holmes,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

House bill to be entitled An act to alter and define the boundary line of Polk county,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and referred to the Committee on Boundaries.

House bill to be entitled an act to provide for the revision, collation and digesting of the whole of the public statute law of the State to be the revised code of Florida,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

The following communication was received from the House:

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
December 4th, 1866.

Hon. W. W. J. KELLEY,

President of the Senate:

SIR—The House has this day passed the following bills and resolution; viz:

Senate bill to be entitled An act repealing the seventh section of an act concerning pilotage for Cedar Keys, approved February 8th, 1861;

Senate bill to be entitled An act to provide for furnishing artificial limbs to maimed soldiers; also,

House resolution relative to a mail route.

Very Respectfully,

WM. FORSYTH BYNUM,

Clerk of the House of Representatives.

Which was read, the House resolution placed among the orders of the day, and the Senate bills ordered to be enrolled.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Cottrell offered the following:

Resolved, That the Senate hereby give its assent to the proposi-

tion of the House of Representatives that it adjourn to the Supreme Court room, or any wherelse in the City of Tallahassee, as the House may determine, and that the Senate appoint a committee to inform the House of this action of the Senate.

Which was adopted, and Messrs. Cottrell, Pearce and Williams were appointed said committee.

House bill to be entitled an act to consolidate the offices of the Clerk of the Circuit Court and Judge of Probate of the county of Taylor, and for other purposes.

Was read the first time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize the County Commissioners of Hillsboro' county to levy and collect an additional tax in said county, and for other purposes.

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize the Governor to appoint a person in the county of Levy, to take the marks and brands of cattle driven from said county.

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

House Resolution requesting his Excellency the Governor of this State, and our delegation to the United States Congress, to use their influence with the authorities at Washington to have released from confinement at Fort Jefferson, on the Florida coast, all persons suffering an illegal imprisonment, and especially to bring to the attention of his Excellency Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, the case of George St. Leger Grenfell, now held under sentence of close confinement for life by Military Commission.

Was read first time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled An act to amend the laws providing the mode in which nominations to various offices shall be advised with and concurred therein.

Was read first time, rule waived, read second and third times by its title and put upon its passrge.

The vote was:

Yeas—Messrs. Baker, Bird, Cottrell, Crawford, Finegan, Gorie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rosseau, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst, Woodruff and Williams—23.

Nays—None.

So the bill passed—title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act in relation to Pilotage at the port of Key West, in the county of Monroe, approved Dec. 23, 1866.

Was read the first time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act in relation to the Public Printing.

Was read second time.

Mr. Steele offered the following amendment:

Mr. Steele moved to amend the bill, by adding the following (section third of the same, viz:

"And it shall be the further duty of said officer to have published in one newspaper, of each of the principal divisions of the State, viz: East, Middle, West and South Florida, the acts of the General Assembly, in the manner hereinbefore require', commencing with those passed at the present session thereof;"

Which was adopted.

The bill as amended was ordered to be engrossed for a third reading.

A bill to be entitled an act to promote the introduction of capital and emigrants into this State.

Was read and on consideration postponed till to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to provide for booring and clearing out the Escambia and Yellow Rivers.

Was read the second time and ordered to be engrossed for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled an act to amend an act entitled an act to incorporate the Pensacola and Georgia Railroad Company, approved January 8, 1853.

Came up on its second reading, and consideration of the same postponed till to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to authorize planting and bedding oysters in the waters of Escambia county.

Was read second time.

Mr. Pearce offered the following amendment to the bill by adding to the first section "provided the said Henry N. Dayton does not get his oysters to bed from Santa Rosa bay or county;"

Which was not agreed to.

The bill was placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act to incorporate the Telegraph Company of Pensacola.

Was read the second time, and further consideration of the same, postponed till to-morrow.

House bill to be entitled an act requiring judgments in Magistrates' Courts to be recorded in the Clerk's office of the Circuit Court of the county in which they are obtained.

Was read first time and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act relating to salaries.

Was read first time, rule waived, read second and third times by its title, and on motion, further consideration of the same postponed till to-morrow.

A bill to be entitled An act to provide for taking the census in the year 1867, in this State.

Was read first time, rule waived, read second time by its title, and

on motion referred to a select committee, consisting of Messrs. Ross, Cottrell and Haynes,

A bill to be entitled An act to change the time of holding the Circuit Courts of Suwannee Circuit.

The rule was waived, the bill read first and second times by its title, and referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

House resolution relative to a mail route,

Was read first time, rule waived, read second and third times by its title, and put upon its passage.

The vote was :

Yeas—Messrs. Bird, Cottrell, Crawford, Finggan, Gorrie, Haynes, Jordan, Kenan, Morrison, Oliveros, Owens, Pearce, Richard, Roper, Ross, Rousseau, Steele, Turner, White, Whitehurst Woodruff and Williams—22.

Nays—None.

So the resolution passed, title as stated.

Ordered to be certified to the House.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Cottrell introduced the following :

A bill to be entitled An act to alter and change the time of holding the terms of the Supreme Court ;

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day for to-morrow.

Mr. White gave notice that he would, on some future day, ask leave to introduce a bill to allow persons of color further time to have the rights of matrimony solemnized, where they have been living together in the relation of husband and wife.

Mr. Finggan gave notice that he would, on some future day introduce a bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Florida Canal and Inland Transportation Company.

On motion, the Senate adjourned till to-morrow morning 10 o'clock, A. M.

WEDNESDAY, December 5, 1866.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The Lieutenant-Governor in the Chair.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

The rules were waived, and Mr. Williams, without previous notice, introduced the following bills :

A bill to be entitled An act for the relief of James B. Roberts ; and

A bill to be entitled An act for the adoption of a child by John B. Griffin and his wife.

Which were received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Kenan moved to take from the table House resolution reques-

ting the Governor to assign to the Supreme Court a room in the Capitol for conference.

Which was not agreed to.

The rule was waived to allow Mr. Rousseau, without previous notice, to introduce the following :

A bill to be entitled An act to authorize the qualified voters of Suwannee County to locate the Court-house.

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

Mr. Rousseau presented a petition, which on motion was referred to the following committee : Messrs. Rousseau, Richard and Baker.

Mr. Steele, pursuant to previous notice, introduced the following named bills, to wit :

A bill to be entitled An act to amend an act approved January 4, 1866, entitled An act to facilitate the collection of taxes and require the registration of grants and donations ; and

A bill to be entitled An act concerning railroads of the State ;

Which was received, and the bills accompanying placed among the orders of the day.

Pursuant to previous notice, Mr. White introduced the following :

A bill to be entitled An act legitimatizing the marriage of persons of color.

Which was received and placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Finance and Accounts made the following report :

The Committee on Finance report the bill to be entitled an act to provide for taking the census in the year 1867 in this State, have had the same under consideration and return the same back to the Senate, without further comment, and recommend its passage ; also,

The resolution in relation to clearing out the Chipola river, and the drainage of the swamp and overflowed lands on the same, have had the same under consideration and recommend that the resolution do pass.

WM. B. ROSS, Ch'n.

Which was received and the bills accompanying placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Corporations made the following report :

The Committee on Corporations to whom was referred a bill to be entitled An act to incorporate the Southern Railroad Company

REPORT :

That they have had the same under consideration and find that the Constitutional Requirements have been fully complied with, they can see no reasonable objection to the bill, they therefore return the same to the Senate and recommend its passage.

THOMAS M. WHITE, Ch'n.

Which was read, and the bill placed among the orders of the day.

The Committee on Engrossed Bills made the following report :